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SUBJ: VISIT BY SECRETARY SIMON TO ROME

TREASURY FOR UNDER SECRETARY YEO

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1. MANIFEST. PLEASE ADVISE AIRLINE NAME AND FLIGHT
NUMBER FOR ARRIVAL OF KENDRICK MARCH 8 AT 1355 (REFTEL A).
EMBASSY DRIVER WILL MEET KENDRICK AT HERTZ COUNTER AT
AIRPORT IN ROME. IN PARA 6 REFTEL B WE WERE ADVISED TO
DELETE HOSTLER FROM MANIFEST. REFTEL C INDICATES THAT
HOSTLER WILL ARRIVE WITH PARTY AND REMAIN IN ROME MARCH
7 ONLY. WHICH IS CORRECT?

2. MEETING WITH US JOURNALISTS (REFTEL C). PLEASE NOTE
THAT "WASHINGTON POST", "WASHINGTON STAR", "TIME",
"NEWSWEEK", LOS ANGELES TIMES", CHICAGO TRIBUNE",
"BUSINESS WEEK," WESTINGHOUSE, "US NEWS AND WORLD
REPORT" AND VIA ALL HAVE FULL TIME ROME CORRESPONDENTS
WHO WOULD EXPECT TO BE INCLUDED IN COFFEE AND DONUT
SESSION. ROME "DAILY AMERICAN" AND "WALL STREET
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JOURNAL" STRINGER ALSO WOULD DESIRE INCLUSION. PLEASE

ADVISE WHETHER THEY CAN BE INVITED. IF LIMIT IS EIGHT JOURNALISTS, AS OUTLINED REFTEL C, SUGGEST INCLUDING "WASHINGTON POST", "LOS ANGELES TIMES" AND "CHICAGO TRIBUNE" RATHER THAN ABC, NBC AND CBS SINCE PRESS COVERAGE MORE LIKELY THAN RADIO/TV. DOW JONES HAS ROME CORRESPONDENT. MAY WE SUBSTITUTE FOR JANSSEN? ADVISE. ALSO SUGGEST SWITCHING TIME SLOTS FOR ITALIAN JOURNALIST "IL SOLE/24 ORE") INTERVIEW AND US CORRESPONDENTS MEETING SO THAT THOSE OF LATTER WISHING TO STAY FOR PRESS CONFERENCE WOULD NOT HAVE ONE HOUR WAIT. SCHEDULE WOULD THUS BE "IL SOLE/24 ORE" INTERVIEW AT 0900, US JOURNALISTS AT 1000 AND PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1100.

3. SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR MRS. SIMON (REFTEL D). EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE AUTO OR TRAIN TRANSPORTATION (PREFERABLY AUTOS) TO TAKE MRS. SIMON AND PARTY TO FLORENCE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9. PARTY COULD VISIT BAPTISTRY DOORS AND PONTE VECCHIO BRIDGE IN FLORENCE. REFERENCE TO GALLERY IN REFTEL D NOT CLEAR. IS THIS GALLERY IN FLORENCE (E.G., UFFIZI, PITTI PALACE OR OTHER) OR DOES IT REFER TO SOME GALLERY IN ROME? EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE VISIT TO ST. PETER'S BASILICA IN ROME ON MONDAY, MARCH 8 OR MORNING OF WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10. THERE WAS NO REFERENCE IN REFTEL D TO POSSIBILITY OF OUTING ON MONDAY, MARCH 8 TO TIVOLI, POSSIBLY FOR LUNCH AND VISIT TO VILLA D'ESTE OF HADRIAN'S VILLA. WOULD MRS. SIMON'S PARTY BE INTERESTED IN SUCH OUTING? IF SO, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SAME GROUP IS INTERESTED AS IS INTERESTED IN FLORENCE TRIP PER REFTEL D. EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ONE OR MORE AMERICANS TO ACCOMPANY PARTY BOTH IN FLORENCE AND IN ROME-TIVOLI.

4. DINNER SUNDAY, MARCH 7. ASSUMING THAT UNDER SECRETARY YEO WILL ARRIVE SOME TIME ON SUNDAY, MARCH 7, TREASURY ATTACHE TEMPLEMAN WOULD BE HAPPY TO INVITE HIM TO DINNER. ASSISTANT TREASURY ATTACHE VAN BATENGURG SIMILARLY WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY TO DINNER SAME NIGHT.

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5. THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES (AMONG OTHERS) HAVE EVENING MASSES ON SUNDAY, AS INDICATED:
CONVENTO CAPPUCCINI - 7:00 P.M.
SAN CAMILLO - 6:30, 7:15 AND 8:00 P.M.
ST. JOHN IN LATERAN - 6:00 AND 7:00 P.M.
ST. PETER'S - 5:00 P.M. BEAUDRY

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